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# BRYANT Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

JUNE 1999



“Look back  
only long enough  
to see how far  
you’ve come...”

**Megan Gorman '99**

**P**erfect weather prevailed on May 22 at Bryant's 136th Undergraduate Commencement, as 582 students received degrees. Seats filled quickly under the 34,450-square-foot tent. Some preferred to sit on lawn chairs under shady trees, while others stood at the fringes of the tent.

Megan Gorman, recipient of the Literary Studies Award, gave the Student Charge. She urged classmates not to let the fear of the unknown hold them back. “Set goals that will help you accomplish your dreams and follow them,” she said. “The goal is a wonderful tool that

keeps you looking where you are going. Look back only long enough to see how far you’ve come, and then focus on the task at hand.”

James M. Benson, chairman, president, and CEO of New England Financial, gave the keynote address. Benson encouraged students to stretch, develop a sense of adventure and commitment, and become a positive influence on other people.

“You have so many options to pursue ... try to have a sense of a personal internal adventure and push yourselves beyond where you would ordinarily be,” he said. “Fight a fear, fight yourself, and learn more about yourself...”

Benson received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration, as did Orit Gadish, chairman and CEO of Bain & Company; and John E. (Jack) Wolfe, president, CEO, and director, Metrisa, Inc., and former chairman of the Bryant Board of Trustees.

For the first time, the ROTC Commissioning Service was held during Commencement exercises. Three Bryant students were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

About 130 graduate students received advanced degrees the

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# leaders edge

## Jennifer Proud Mearns '82

### Trustee:

Bryant College, since 1993. Currently Vice Chair of the Executive Committee; Chair of the Student Affairs Committee; Member of the Institutional Advancement Committee

### Executive Vice President:

Teamwork Consulting Inc., Shaker Heights, Ohio, executive search consultants for the sports/event management industry

### Education:

1982 Bryant graduate; B.S. in office administration



### Best job:

Managing media for a men's professional tennis tour. I traveled around the world 35 weeks a year.

### Worst job:

While in high school, I worked at a local hardware store folding trash bags sold to us in bulk and re-packaging them as "private label" bags.

### Most important influence in your life:

As a member of a large family I was allowed — forced — to become independent, which in turn offered me many opportunities.

### Greatest achievement:

I'm proud of our five kids (ages 7, 5, 3, and 15-month old twins) and being able to balance a stimulating career with a large family.

### How do you find that balance?

I don't really, although I've come to accept a highly emotive household, diapers in my dresser, an empty refrigerator by Wednesday, bags under my eyes, dining with my husband at 9 p.m., passing out by 10.

### Fondest Bryant memory:

I ran my first marathon in Newport and a whole gang from Bryant came out to support me. Thank you.

### Most memorable Bryant professor:

John Jolley — he's the only professor who ever gave me a "D." But I loved the course, Western Civ, because it was interesting and he was a very good lecturer.

### What do you treasure most in life?

I love having more people in my house than beds.

### Favorite sports team:

I'm slowly becoming a Cleveland Indians fan. How could you not? Jacobs Field is a beautiful stadium, the team is a winner, and they run a first-class organization.

### Favorite motto:

"Life's too short...."

# people

## New Faces



**Robert Brunette**  
Custodian  
Physical Plant



**Robert Lamarre**  
Custodian  
Physical Plant



**Solanchi Fernandez**  
Academic Advisor



**Allison Rich**  
Library Periodicals  
Assistant

**John Coyne, Public Safety Officer**  
(Photo not available)

## Promotions

**Scott Cline**  
EMT Coordinator/Public Safety Officer

**Richard Coyne**  
Information Technology Support Specialist

**Theresa Garlacy, Assistant Athletic Director  
for Recreation/Head Volleyball Coach**

**Karen Misiaszek, Secretary, Development Office**

**John Ruppert, Associate Director of Athletics**



# Bryant welcomes new trustees

## James A. (Dolph) Norton

Dolph Norton of Charlottesville, Va., served as interim president at Bryant during the 1995-96 academic year, and served as interim leader of four other colleges or universities since his first retirement in 1988.



After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Norton obtained his undergraduate and master's degrees from Louisiana State University. He later went on to earn his second master's and a Ph.D. in government from Harvard University.

Throughout his career, Norton has worked at many institutions including Florida State University, Western Reserve University, Case Western University, Cleveland State University, and the University of Virginia. He also served as president of the Greater Cleveland Associated Foundation, and Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

## Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H

**President and CEO, Amica Mutual Insurance Co., Lincoln, Rhode Island**

Taylor, of Swansea, Mass., has been with Amica since 1970, when he started as claims adjuster. He worked his way up the ranks from assistant vice president in 1977, to senior vice president and superintendent of the claims division in 1988, to executive vice president in 1992, to president and COO in 1994. He was named president and CEO in March 1995.

Taylor is an executive committee member of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, a board member of Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, and a director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

Taylor is a 1963 Bryant alumnus. He received an honorary degree from Bryant in 1998, and also served as the Undergraduate Commencement speaker.



## Lynn Rapoza '99

**Financial Analyst, Goldman Sachs, New York City**

Lynn Rapoza of South Windsor, Conn., a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York City, is Bryant's newest Recent Alumni Trustee. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in financial services. She was the first Bryant student to enroll in the financial services program, and was one of the first three students to receive a degree in that concentration.

Rapoza held summer positions at CIGNA Individual Life Insurance Co.; Summer Associate; and most recently at Lincoln Financial Group, where she was executive assistant, client and producer service. From January 1996 until her graduation, she served as office assistant in Faculty Suite G at Bryant.

While an undergraduate, Rapoza held leadership positions in the Student Alumni Association and Junior Achievement of Rhode Island. She also served on the Senior Class Committee and the Sexual Assault Task Force.



## Commerce secretary visits Bryant

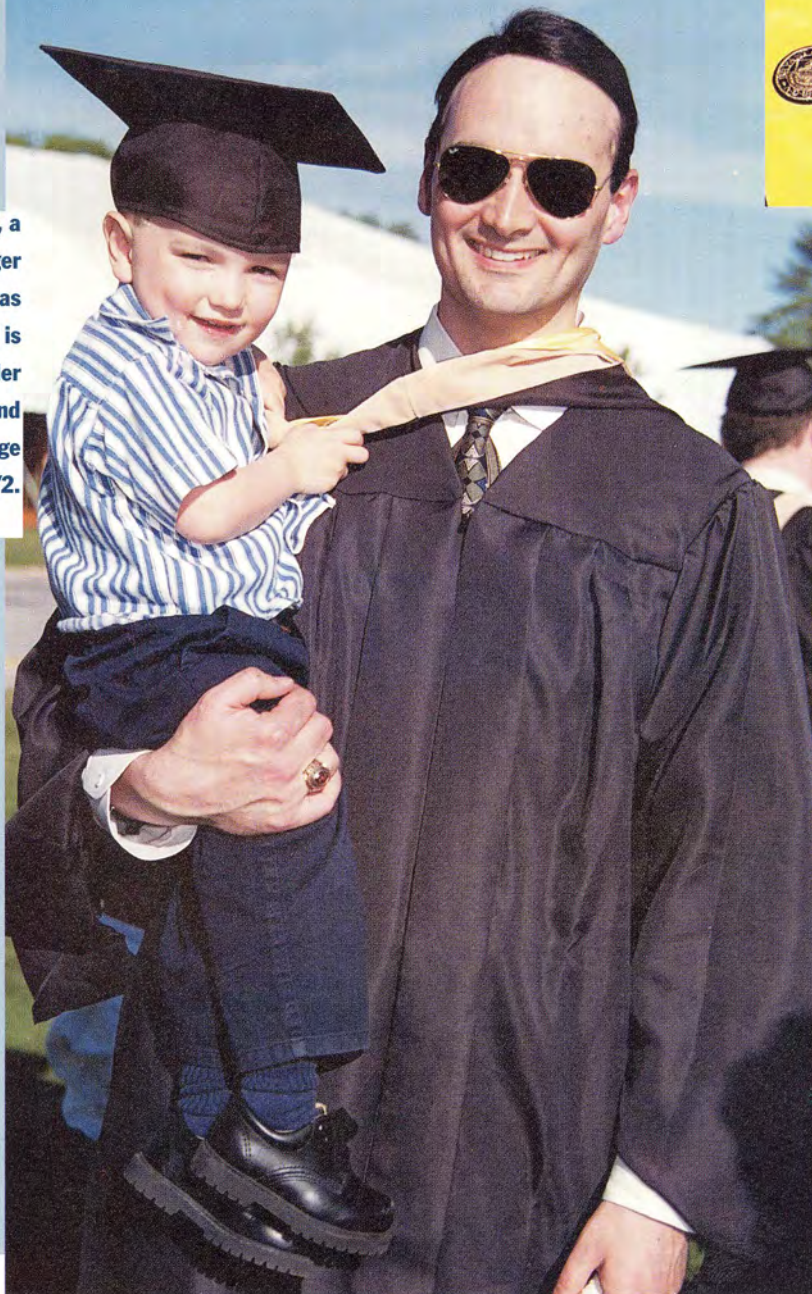
U.S. Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley took part in a public forum at Bryant in May as part of an eight-month national tour he is heading to promote understanding of international trade. His visit was sponsored by the New England Council and the Center for International Business at Bryant.





# Commencement '99

Michael Lilley, a product manager for Texas Instruments, is the proud holder of an MBA and son Brendan, age 2 1/2.

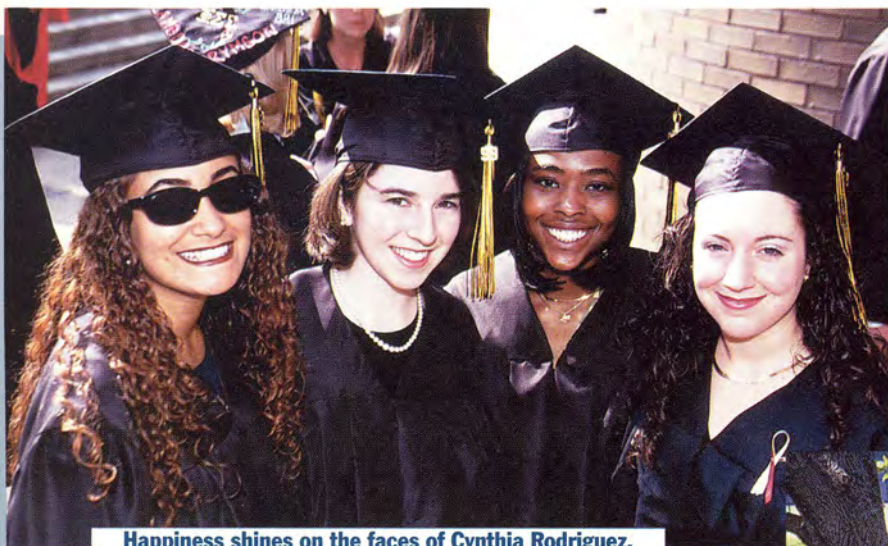


Anne Congdon accepts a posthumous honorary degree for her husband, George F. Congdon II '64.



Guiomar Melo, office coordinator for the President's Office, carries her daughter, Alexia, after receiving her degree.





Happiness shines on the faces of Cynthia Rodriguez, Denise Strum, Sharona Moorer, and Jessica Ahlers.



Amy Chin (l) and Helen Chen, both from Hong Kong, are all smiles as they pass through the Archway.



Finance major Fred Wande celebrates with his family.



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previous afternoon at the Graduate School Commencement. Wayne A. Budd, group president of the New England-Bell Atlantic, gave the keynote address. He praised the graduates for their discipline, hard work, and old-fashioned tenacity — noting that most worked days and attended school nights, a path he walked many years before.

Budd compared Bryant's curriculum today to that of Bryant and Stratton's more than 100 years ago. "Now, as then, Bryant students are well versed in a potent mix of business and the humanities," he said, "and graduates are as avidly sought by companies today as were those in the last century. You are prepared to be far more than mere technocrats and as a result will live richer lives

and go further in business."

Budd received a Doctor of Humane Letters. A posthumous Doctor of Business Administration was presented to Anne Congdon in honor of her husband George F. Congdon II '64. Congdon was executive vice president and trustee of Liberty Property Trust, Malvern, Penn., when he died of cancer in 1998.



## Gavitt named athletic director

His last name is synonymous with excellence in college athletics, and also conjures up fond memories for many Rhode Islanders.

Dave Gavitt — former Providence College head basketball coach and athletic director — is a legend. But it is his son, Dan Gavitt, who is ready to make his mark at Bryant College.

President Machtley introduced Gavitt as the fourth athletic director in the college's 136-year history at a press conference on May 18. He will oversee all aspects of Bryant's 20-sport athletic program.

Gavitt's enthusiasm is obvious. "My passion is college athletics, and it is great to be back on a campus educating and competing," he says. "I am looking forward to working with a strong team of coaches and administrators to provide Bryant student-athletes with a fantastic collegiate experience."

After graduating from Dartmouth in 1988, Gavitt spent six years at Providence College as assistant men's basketball coach. "I really enjoyed coaching," he says. "It was a great six years, and we had a lot of success." One of his major responsibilities was monitoring the academic progress of the men's basketball team. "We had a 100 percent graduation rate," Gavitt says proudly. "That came from a lot of hard work from the kids, and the support from our staff and the people at the college."

He decided to take a different career path in 1995, putting his M.B.A. to work as the president of Greenville Sports Associates, a firm specializing in

event management and marketing. "The last year or so, however, I really began to miss being on a campus working with coaches and student-athletes," he says.

He became very interested in the athletic director's job at Bryant. "I thought this was a fantastic opportunity. I grew up in Rhode Island, so I was very familiar with Bryant and President Machtley."

Gavitt will rely on his experience as a former coach and student-athlete to help him through upcoming challenges. He says, "I understand the emotions student-athletes and coaches go through to be successful... from hard work to heartache to frustration to fear. If you have not been through it but think you understand it... well, you probably don't. It's a very unique thing."

"But, this is a different role for me. I won't have the same kind of direct interaction with student-athletes here at Bryant, because that is the role of the coach. But what the administrative staff and I can provide to help improve the Bryant athletic program will certainly benefit the student-athletes and their experience at the college."



## Alumni recognized

Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to three individuals at Reunion Weekend, which was held June 4-6. Recipients are (l-r) Dana J. Bradley '92, Paula (Pascone) Iacono '69, and Professor Keith Murray.

Bradley, vice president of the Loflin Group, received the Young Alumni Leadership Award. Iacono, director of alumni relations/annual fund at Johnson & Wales University, and former director of alumni relations at Bryant, was presented with the Nelson Gulski Service Award. Murray, professor of marketing, received the Distinguished Faculty Award.



## just in time

<b>June 30</b>	Day classes end
<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day
<b>July 5</b>	Day after Independence Day Offices closed
<b>July 19</b>	Evening classes end
<b>Aug 9</b>	Victory Day
<b>Aug 28-29</b>	Residence halls open
<b>Aug 28-30</b>	Bryant Experience
<b>Aug 30</b>	Evening classes begin
<b>Aug 31</b>	Day classes begin
<b>Sept 6</b>	Labor Day No classes, offices closed



**Professor William Sweeney** was quoted on the subject of tax cuts in Rhode Island in the *Sun Chronicle* (Attleboro, Mass.) on May 16.

**Dan Gavitt's** appointment as new athletic director was announced on May 19 in the *Providence Journal*, *The Call* (Woonsocket), and the *Boston Globe*.

Articles on Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies and lists of graduates appeared in the *Providence Journal* on May 22 and May 23. In addition, a feature article on two Bryant seniors, **Jenny Urena** and **Heather Cortes**, appeared on the cover page of the Northwest section of the *Providence Journal* on May 21 with color photos. More than 400 news releases on graduates were sent to hometown newspapers across the country.

**Presidents and administrators from Rhode Island colleges and universities gathered at Bryant** on May 14 to voice their support for legislation that would lower the legal blood-alcohol limit in the state to .08 percent. Event coverage aired on WLNE TV-6 that evening; an article appeared in the *Providence Journal* on May 19.

A feature article on the **financial services major** appeared in the National/Global section of *American Banker* on May 18. **Lynn Rapoza '99**, a financial services analyst at Goldman Sachs in New

York City, and one of the first students to graduate with this concentration, was quoted in the article.

An article on the new accounting information systems major appeared in *Providence Business News* on May 17. **V.K. Unni**, vice president of academic affairs; and **Professors Saeed Roohani** and **Wallace Wood**, were quoted in the article.

An article on the **Rhode Island Export Assistance (EAC) Center** at Bryant and the services it offers to help businesses expand their markets appeared in an article in the *Providence Journal* on May 14. A story about an experimental partnership between the EAC and the City of Cranston also appeared in that issue.

An op-ed piece by **Professor Gregg Lee Carter** titled, "Gun Control: Tragedies and Opportunities," appeared on the editorial page of the *Providence Journal* on May 10.

The **baseball team's** capture of the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament Championship was reported in the *Providence Journal* and *The Call* (Woonsocket) on May 10.

Announcements on Bryant students who were named to **Who's Who**, **Dean's List**, and **Beta Gamma Sigma** continue to appear in hometown newspapers across the country.

## FYI

**Professor Kevin Pearce** has co-authored an article, "Internet and Face-to-Face Communication: Not Functional Alternatives," which was published in *Communication Quarterly* 46:3 (Summer 1998).

**Professor Hong Yang** presented a paper, "Ancient and modern macromolecules: actualism in paleontological research at the molecular level," at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America, which was held recently in Providence.

**Barbara Gregory**, assistant director/internship coordinator, has had an article published in the May issue of NEACEFE — *The New England Association for Cooperative Education and Field Experience*. It is titled, "Dream...Just Make Sure You Stay Awake!"

**President Ron Machtley**; **James Segovis**, director of the **Center for International Business**; and **Ray Fogarty**, director of the **Export Assistance Center**, presented "Bryant College and the Global Economy" at the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors Annual Meeting held June 9-13 in Providence. The program included a presentation and "hands-on" data lab.

**Professor Douglas Levin's** "Riverlinks Project," held last summer, was recently selected by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of 17 exemplary summer youth programs for 1998. An award ceremony was held May 11 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

**Professors Frank Bingham**, **Keith Murray**, and **Elaine Notarantonio** have had a paper accepted for publication in *The Journal of Marketing Management* (Fall 1999). It is titled "The Effect of Price in the College Selection Process."

FROM  
BRYANT TO CHINA  
IN 1 CLICK:  
[www.bryant.edu/~china](http://www.bryant.edu/~china)

**A**lthough their adventure ended June 15, you can still join Hong Yang, science and technology professor, and his students on their practicum in China by clicking on to their Web site at [www.bryant.edu/~china](http://www.bryant.edu/~china). Each day, the students recorded their experiences with the culture, language, and current issues they've studied in the "Environmental Studies of China" course they took in the spring semester. The Web site, which will remain active through the summer, also includes a number of photos taken during the trip. Look for results of the students' research in the fall issue of *Bryant Business*.



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## Dedicated to Bryant

(L-r) Todd Nelson, and Kati Machtley and President Ron Machtley are recipients of 1999 Community Spirit Awards. This award is given annually to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and make their presence felt in the Bryant Community. The selections were announced at the Service Awards reception in May.

Nelson, assistant director of conference and special events, greets more than 16,000 Bryant guests annually — days, nights, and weekends — and is determined that they see the college at its best. A 1995 Bryant alumnus, he was cited as a shining example of the Bryant spirit.

The Machtleys were recognized as Bryant's most enthusiastic supporters, whether speaking to parents, rooting for a team at an athletic event 100 miles away, or dancing all night at an off-campus formal.

Plaques honoring the recipients will hang in the reception area of the Unistructure until next May.



## Four receive faculty awards

Four faculty members have been nominated by colleagues and students for 1998-99 faculty awards. Each received a plaque and cash award at a recognition ceremony held recently on campus.



Recipients are Hakan Saraoglu, assistant professor of finance since 1996, "Excellence in Teaching"; Lynda St. Clair, assistant professor of management since 1997, "Outstanding Service;" Terri Hasseler, assistant professor of English since 1995, "Outstanding Contributions to Curriculum Development;" and Marsha Pripstein Posusney, associate professor of political science, and a faculty member since 1992, "Successful Record of Research and Publication."

Pictured are (l-r) Professors Saraoglu, St. Clair, and Hasseler. Posusney is currently on sabbatical.

## Sixty years between them

History Professor Jim Estey and Associate Director of Human Resources Shirley Plante were among 74 employees honored at the 25th Annual Service Awards reception on May 5. The two were cited for their dedicated service to the college. Estey has been with the college for 35 years, Plante for 25.



### Retirees

Rene Chartier  
Elaine DiCandio  
Vera Froelich  
Robert Jacobs  
Robert Lussier  
Irene Lanowy  
Gilbert Peterson  
Roland Parenteau

### 35 years

James Estey

### 30 years

Marcia Akerholm  
Peter Mini

### 25 years

Shirley Plante

### 20 years

Peter Dyndur  
Raymond Fogarty  
Carla Gardner

Sheila Guay  
Marcel Hebert  
Steven Hokeness  
Elaine Notarantonio  
Hinda Pollard  
Charlotte Rodericks

### 15 years

David Beausejour  
Irene Bedard  
Robert Carlson  
Kristin Kennedy  
James Lachapelle  
James Marsden  
Linda Martin  
Christiana Raether  
Carla Scott  
Dennis Seymour  
Kathleen Simons  
Wesley Steere  
Steven Winsor

### 10 Years

Helen Ammerman  
Carl Anderson  
Roland Bell  
Robert Berard  
Lucie Bottella  
Peter Brissette  
Mary Burke  
Rosanne Dana  
Albert Forget  
William Graves  
Richard Hoover  
Kathy Jarret  
Dianna Larosee  
Larry Lowe  
Helen Matteson  
Joseph McCarthy  
Judith McDonnell  
Joseph Meichelbeck  
Normand Piette  
Harold Records

Edward Reilly  
Raymond Roux  
Deanna Therien  
Joseph Urgo  
Victor Vargas

### 5 years

Edward Barr  
Timothy Brown  
Leslie-Ann Bucci  
Robbie Camara  
Wynette Dahlquist  
Jay Hammond  
Lorianne Harrison  
Hao Ma  
Nicole Melmed  
Frank Riccardi  
Kenneth Sousa  
Serle Stolasz  
Haihaun Joyce Teng  
Gail Wright  
Robert Wilks, Jr.